

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims to read as follows. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for sharing a portion of a sharer display with a viewer display, the method comprising:

determining, for a plurality of viewer displays, a display allocation for each viewer display;

determining a sharing area defining a portion of the sharer display to be shown on the viewer displays;~~the sharing area being responsive to a display allocation based on the display allocations~~ for the viewer displays and a position of a cursor in the sharer display; and

sending display data in the sharing area to the viewer displays; and

showing the ~~portion of the sharer~~ display data on the viewer displays.

2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

detecting a new position of the cursor in the sharer display;

moving the sharing area to define a different portion of the sharer display in response to the new position of the cursor; and

sending display data in the moved sharing area to the viewer displays; and

showing the ~~different portion of the sharer~~ display data for the moved sharing area on the viewer displays.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the detecting comprises detecting an average position of the cursor in the sharer display during a predetermined time interval.
4. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the moving of the sharing area comprises moving the sharing area to define a different portion of the sharer display if the new position of the cursor in the sharer display is outside the sharing area.
5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the determination of a sharing area comprises determining a common area ~~for a plurality of~~ based on the display allocations.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising showing a sharing frame on the sharer display, the sharing frame indicating the perimeter of the portion of the sharer display showing on the viewer display.
7. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein the sharing frame has a rectangular shape.
8. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein the color of the sharing frame is selected to contrast with a background color of the sharer display.
9. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein the color of the sharing frame is selected to contrast with a feature in the sharer display.
10. (Original) The method of claim 6 further comprising:
detecting a new position of the cursor in the sharer display; and
showing the sharing frame at a new position in the sharer display in response to the new position of the cursor.
11. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the detecting comprises detecting an average position of the cursor in the sharer display during a predetermined time interval.

12. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the showing the sharing frame at a new position comprises showing the sharing frame at a new position if the new position of the cursor in the sharer display is outside the sharing frame.

13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the determination of a sharing area comprises determining a largest common dimension for ~~a plurality of the~~ display allocations.

14. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 ~~further comprising~~ wherein determining the display allocations comprises polling a plurality of viewing computers.

15. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14 further comprising periodically repeating the polling of the viewing computers to determine an updated sharing area.

16. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising receiving updated allocation data from a viewing computer, the updated allocation data being transmitted in response to a change in the display allocation for a respective one of the viewer displays.

17. (Currently amended) A computer ~~program-product~~ storage medium for use with a computer system having a sharing computer and a viewing computer, the sharing computer having a sharer display and the viewing computer having a viewing display, the computer ~~program-product comprising a computer-useable~~ storage medium having embodied therein program code comprising:

program code for determining, for a plurality of viewer displays, a display allocation for each viewer display;

program code for determining a sharing area defining a portion of the sharer display to be shown on the viewer displays ~~in response to a~~ based on the display allocations for the viewer displays and a position of a cursor in the sharer display; ~~and~~

program code for sending display data in the sharing area to the viewer displays; and

program code for showing the ~~portion of the sharer~~ display data on the viewer displays.

18. (Currently amended) The computer ~~program-product~~ storage medium of claim 17 wherein the program code embodied in the computer ~~useable~~ storage medium further comprises:

program code for detecting a new position of the cursor in the sharer display;

program code for moving the sharing area to define a different portion of the sharer display in response to the new position of the cursor; ~~and~~

program code for sending display data in the moved sharing area to the viewer displays;
and

program code for showing the ~~different portion of the sharer~~ display data for the moved sharing area on the viewer displays.

19. (Currently amended) The computer ~~program-product~~ storage medium of claim 17 further comprising program code for showing a sharing frame on the sharer display, the sharing frame indicating the perimeter of the portion of the sharer display showing on the viewer display.

20. (Currently amended) The computer ~~program-product~~ storage medium of claim 19 further comprising:

program code for detecting a new position of the cursor in the sharer display; and

program code for showing the sharing frame at a new position in the sharer display in response to the new position of the cursor.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Canceled)

23. (Canceled)

24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently amended) A computing system for sharing a portion of a sharer display with a viewer display, the computing system comprising:

a sharer processor for ~~determining a sharing area defining~~ to receive display allocation data for the viewer display and to define a portion of the sharer display to be shown on the viewer display in response to the display allocation data ~~for the viewer display~~ and position data for a cursor in the sharer display; and

a shared data generator for providing shared display data to the viewer display.

26. (Original) The computing system of claim 25 further comprising a viewer processor in communication with the sharer processor to receive the shared display data and provide viewer display data to the viewer display.

27. (Original) The computing system of claim 26 further comprising the viewer display.

28. (Original) The computing system of claim 25 wherein the sharer processor detects a new position of the cursor in the sharer display and moves the sharing area to define a different portion of the sharer display in response to the new position of the cursor and wherein the shared

data generator provides shared display data responsive to the different portion of the sharer display.

29. (Original) The computing system of claim 25 wherein the sharer processor determines a location of a sharing frame to be shown on the sharer display.

30. (Original) The computing system of claim 29 wherein the sharer processor determines a new location of the sharing frame in response to a new position of the cursor in the sharer display.